BEFORE THE 1 BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING 2 AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4 5 In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Case No. VN-2010-2141 Against: SAMIRA A. ELBEKRAOUI OAH No. 2012020347 7 2111 Summit Drive Escondido, CA 92025 8 9 Applicant for Vocational Nurse License 10 Respondent. 11 12 **DECISION** 13 14 The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of 15 Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians as the final Decision in the above-entitled matter. 16 17 This Decision shall become effective on September 16, 2012. 18 IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of August, 2012. 19 20 21 22 23 Todd D'Braunstein, PT President 24 25 26 27

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12	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. VN-2010-2141	
		OAH No. 2012020347	
13	SAMIRA AMALE EL-BEKRAOUI	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND	
14	Vocational Nurse License Applicant	DISCIPLINARY ORDER	
15	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-		
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:		
19	PARTIES		
20	1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the		
21	Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. She brought this action solely in her		
22	official capacity and is represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the		
.23	State of California, by Amanda Dodds, Senior Legal Analyst.		
24	2. Respondent Samira Amale El-Bekra	noui (Respondent) is representing herself in this	
25	proceeding and has chosen not to exercise her right to be represented by counsel.		
26	3. On or about October 28, 2010, Respondent filed an application dated September 7,		
27	2010, with the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians to obtain a Vocational		
28	Nurse License.		

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Statement of Issues No. VN-2010-2141 was filed before the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Statement of Issues and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on January 19, 2012. The Statement of Issues No. VN-2010-2141 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

## ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Statement of Issues No. VN-2010-2141. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues; the right to be represented by counsel at her own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

## **CULPABILITY**

- 8. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Statement of Issues No. VN-2010-2141.
- 9. Respondent agrees that her Vocational Nurse License application is subject to denial and she agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and

the staff of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

## **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the application of Respondent Samira Amale El-Bekraoui for licensure is hereby granted. Upon successful completion of the licensure examination and all other licensing requirements, a Vocational Nurse License shall be issued to Respondent. Said license will be immediately revoked, the revocation will be stayed, and the Respondent placed on three (3) years probation on the following terms and conditions.

1. **OBEY ALL LAWS**. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, including all statutes and regulations governing the license. Respondent shall submit, in writing, a

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full and detailed account of any and all violations of the law, including alleged violations, to the Board within five (5) days of occurrence.

To ensure compliance with this condition, respondent shall submit fingerprints through the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision, unless the Board determines that fingerprints were previously submitted by the respondent to the Board.

Respondent shall also submit to the Board a recent 2" x 2" photograph of herself within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision.

If respondent is under a criminal court order, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, it shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions.

2. **COMPLIANCE WITH PROBATION PROGRAM.** Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of probation established by the Board and shall cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the respondent's compliance with the Probation Program.

Upon successful completion of probation, the respondent's license will be fully restored.

3. **SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS.** Respondent shall submit or cause to be submitted, under penalty of perjury, any written reports, declarations and verification of actions as required by the Board or its representatives. These reports or declarations shall contain statements relative to respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

In the first report, Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where she has ever been licensed as a vocational/practical nurse, psychiatric technician, or registered nurse. Respondent shall provide information regarding the status of each license and any change in license status during the period of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if she applies for or obtains a new nursing or psychiatric technician license during the period of probation.

Respondent shall provide a copy of the Board's decision to the regulatory agency in every state and territory in which she has applied for or holds a vocational/practical nurse, psychiatric technician and/or registered nurse license.

4. **NOTIFICATION OF ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE(S).** Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in address or telephone number(s).

Respondent's failure to claim mail sent by the Board may be deemed a violation of these probation conditions.

5. NOTIFICATION OF RESIDENCY OR PRACTICE OUTSIDE OF STATE.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, if she leaves California to reside or practice in another state. Periods of residency or practice outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. If Respondent resides or practices outside of California, the period of probation shall be automatically extended for the same time period she resides or practices outside of California. The respondent shall provide written notice to the Board within five (5) days of any change of residency or practice.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, upon her return to California.

- 6. **MEETINGS WITH BOARD REPRESENTATIVE(S).** Respondent shall appear in person at meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 7. **NOTIFICATION TO EMPLOYER(S).** When currently employed or applying for employment in any capacity in any health care profession, Respondent shall notify her employer of the probationary status of Respondent's license. This notification to the Respondent's current health care employer shall occur no later than the effective date of the Decision. The respondent shall notify any prospective health care employer of her probationary status with the Board prior to accepting such employment. At a minimum, this notification shall be accomplished by providing the employer or prospective employer with a copy of the Board's Accusation and Disciplinary Decision.

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The Health Care Profession includes, but is not limited to: Licensed Vocational Nurse, Psychiatric Technician, Registered Nurse, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, and all other ancillary technical health care positions.

Respondent shall cause each health care employer to submit to the Board all performance evaluations and any other employment related reports as required by the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, of any difficulty in securing employer reports within five (5) days of such an event.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in employment status. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, if she is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing or health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. **EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS.** Respondent shall work in her licensed capacity in the state of California. This practice shall consist of no less than six (6) continuous months and of no less than twenty (20) hours per week.

Respondent shall not work for a nurses' registry or in any private duty position, a temporary nurse placement agency, as a faculty member in an accredited or approved school of nursing, or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education course except as approved, in writing, by the Board. Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined work site(s) and shall not work in a float capacity except as approved, in writing, by the Board.

9. **SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.** Before commencing or continuing employment in any health care profession, Respondent shall obtain approval from the Board of the supervision provided to the respondent while employed.

Respondent shall not function as a charge nurse (i.e., work in any healthcare setting as the person who oversees or directs licensed vocational nurses, psychiatric technicians, certified nursing assistants or unlicensed assistive personnel) or supervising psychiatric technician during the period of probation except as approved, in writing, by the Board.

10. **COMPLETION OF EDUCATIONAL COURSE(S).** Respondent, at her own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) substantially related to the violation(s) no later than the end of the first year of probation.

The coursework shall be in addition to that required for license renewal. The Board shall notify the respondent of the course content and number of contact hours required. Within thirty (30) days of the Board's written notification of assigned coursework, Respondent shall submit a written plan to comply with this requirement. The Board shall approve such plan prior to enrollment in any course of study.

Upon successful completion of the course, respondent shall submit "original" completion certificates to the Board within thirty (30) days of course completion.

11. **MAINTENANCE OF VALID LICENSE.** Respondent shall, at all times, maintain an active current license with the Board including any period of suspension.

If an initial license must be issued (Statement of Issues) or a license is reinstated, probation shall not commence until a license is issued by the Board. Respondent must complete the licensure process within two (2) years from the effective date of the Board's decision.

Should Respondent's license expire, by operation of law or otherwise, upon renewal or reinstatement, Respondent's license shall be subject to any and all conditions of this probation not previously satisfied.

12. **LICENSE SURRENDER.** During probation, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender her license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A licensee who surrenders her license may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision for the surrender:

Three (3) years for reinstatement of a license surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or One (1) year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.

- CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY SUPPORT & RECOVERY GROUPS. Within five (5) days of the effective date of the Decision, Respondent shall begin attendance at a chemical dependency support group (e.g. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Nurse Support Group). Verified documentation of attendance shall be submitted by the respondent with each written report as required by the Board. Respondent shall continue attendance in such a group for the duration of probation.
- ABSTAIN FROM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Respondent shall completely abstain from the personal use or possession of controlled substances, as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and dangerous drugs as defined in Section 4021 and 4022 of the Business and Professions Code, except when lawfully prescribed by a licensed practitioner for a bona fide illness.
- 15. ABSTAIN FROM USE OF ALCOHOL. Respondent shall completely abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and products containing alcohol.
- 16. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. If Respondent violates the conditions of her probation, the Board, after giving the respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed revocation of the respondent's license. If during probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against the respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against the respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

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## 1 **ACCEPTANCE** I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the 2 3 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Vocational Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree 4 to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric 5 Technicians. 6 7 8 9 Respondent 10 11 **ENDORSEMENT** 12 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 13 submitted for consideration by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians of 14 the Department of Consumer Affairs. 15 6/6/12 Dated: Respectfully submitted, 16 KAMALA D. HARRIS 17 Attorney General of California LINDA K. SCHNEIDER 18 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 19 20 AMANDA DODDS Senior Legal Analyst 21 Attorneys for Complainant 22 23 24 SD2011801373 25

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## Exhibit A

Statement of Issues No. VN-2010-2141

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10	BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	STATE OF	1	
12	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. VN-2010-2141	
13	SAMIRA AMALE EL-BEKRAOUI	STATEMENT OF ISSUES	
14	2111 Summit Drive Escondido, CA 92025		
15	Respondent.		
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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	PARTIES		
19	1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Statement of Issues		
20	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and		
21	Psychiatric Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about October 28, 2010, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric		
23	Technicians, Department of Consumer Affairs received an application for a Vocational Nurse		
24	License from Samira Amale El-Bekraoui (Respondent). On or about September 7, 2010, Samira		
25	Amale El-Bekraoui certified under penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of all statements,		
26	answers, and representations in the application. The Board denied the application on August 16,		
27	2011.		
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 **JURISDICTION** 

- 3. This Statement of Issues is brought before the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2866 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may deny a license when it finds that the applicant has committed any acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under section 480 of that Code.

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 475 of the Code states:
- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the denial of licenses on the grounds of:
  - (1) Knowingly making a false statement of material fact, or knowingly omitting to state a material fact, in an application for a license.
    - (2) Conviction of a crime.
  - (3) Commission of any act involving dishonesty, fraud or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or substantially injure another.
- (4) Commission of any act which, if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this code, the provisions of this division shall govern the suspension and revocation of licenses on grounds specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (a).
- (c) A license shall not be denied, suspended, or revoked on the grounds of a lack of good moral character or any similar ground relating to an applicant's character, reputation, personality, or habits.
- 6. Section 480 of the Code states:
- (a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:
- (1) Been convicted of a crime. A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code.

- (2) Done any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with the intent to substantially benefit himself or herself or another, or substantially injure another.
- (3)(A) Done any act that if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.
- (B) The board may deny a license pursuant to this subdivision only if the crime or act is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which application is made.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, no person shall be denied a license solely on the basis that he or she has been convicted of a felony if he or she has obtained a certificate of rehabilitation under Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 4852.01) of Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code or that he or she has been convicted of a misdemeanor if he or she has met all applicable requirements of the criteria of rehabilitation developed by the board to evaluate the rehabilitation of a person when considering the denial of a license under subdivision (a) of Section 482.
- (c) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the ground that the applicant knowingly made a false statement of fact required to be revealed in the application for the license.

#### 7. Section 493 of the Code states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a proceeding conducted by a board within the department pursuant to law to deny an application for a license or to suspend or revoke a license or otherwise take disciplinary action against a person who holds a license, upon the ground that the applicant or the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question, the record of conviction of the crime shall be conclusive evidence of the fact that the conviction occurred, but only of that fact, and the board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if the conviction is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of the licensee in question.

As used in this section, "license" includes "certificate," "permit," "authority," and "registration."

#### 8. Section 2878 of the Code states:

The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.

## 9. Section 2878.5 of the Code states:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act] it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

(b) Use any controlled substance as defined in Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code, or any dangerous drug as defined in Section 4022, or alcoholic beverages, to an extent or in a manner dangerous or injurious to himself or herself, any other person, or the public, or to the extent that the use impairs his or her ability to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by his or her license.

(c) Be convicted of a criminal offense involving possession of any narcotic or dangerous drug, or the prescription, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, in which event the record of the conviction is conclusive evidence thereof.

### 10. Section 2878.6 of the Code states:

A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a licensed vocational nurse is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The board may order the license suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment.

## REGULATORY PROVISIONS

## 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, states:

For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to those involving the following:

- (a) Procuring a license by fraud, misrepresentation, or mistake.
- (b) A conviction of practicing medicine without a license in violation of Chapter 5 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.

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FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(August 28, 2009 Criminal Conviction for Driving While Impaired on July 8, 2007)

- 13. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(1) of the Code in that she was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a licensed vocational nurse. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. After failing to appear on the day her jury trial was to commence, on November 27, 2007, a warrant was issued for Respondent's arrest. Nearly two years later, on or about August 28, 2009, in a criminal proceeding entitled *State of Minnesota v. Samira Amale El Bekraoui*, in Fourth Judicial District (Hennepin County) case number 27-CR-07-044392, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty to violating Minnesota Statutes 169A.27.1, driving while impaired (DWI), a fourth degree misdemeanor.
- b. As a result of the conviction, on or about August 28, 2009, Respondent was granted supervised probation for two years and ordered to serve 30 days in jail, with credit for two days. The court stayed the 28-day jail term pending successful completion of probation. Respondent was further ordered to pay fines and fees, complete a DWI clinic, and to comply with the terms of probation.
- c. The facts that led to the conviction were that on or about the early morning of July 8, 2007, the Minneapolis Police Department responded to a report of a person slumped over the steering wheel of a vehicle. Upon arrival, the officers observed Respondent sitting the driver's seat of her vehicle; the keys were in the ignition and the vehicle was in drive. The front bumper of Respondent's vehicle was resting against the rear bumper of a parked vehicle. The officers observed damage to the rear bumper of the parked vehicle, and Respondent's vehicle sustained slight damage to her front bumper. Respondent was asked to exit her vehicle at which time the officers detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Respondent had bloodshot, watery eyes and appeared to be confused; she slurred her speech and exhibited poor balance. Respondent submitted to a series of field sobriety tests which she was unable to complete successfully. Respondent provided a breath sample for the Preliminary Breath Test which was analyzed with a BAC of .143 percent. Respondent was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

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## SECOND CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION

(August 28, 2009 Criminal Conviction for Driving Without a License on October 8, 2007)

- 14. Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(1) of the Code in that she was convicted of a crime that is substantially related to the qualifications, duties, and functions of a licensed vocational nurse. The circumstances are as follows:
- a. After failing to appear at her arraignment on December 10, 2007, a warrant was issued for Respondent's arrest. Nearly two years later, on or about August 28, 2009, in a criminal proceeding entitled *State of Minnesota v. Samira Amale El Bekraoui*, in Fourth Judicial District (Hennepin County) case number 27-CR-07-122180, Respondent was convicted on her plea of guilty to violating Minnesota Statutes 171.08, no valid Minnesota driver's license in possession, a petty misdemeanor. A second misdemeanor charge of falsely reporting a crime, in violation of Minnesota Statutes 609.505.1, was dismissed pursuant to a plea agreement.
- b. As a result of the conviction, on or about August 28, 2009, Respondent was fined the amount of \$275.
- c. The facts that led to the conviction were that on or about October 8, 2007, the Brooklyn Park (Minnesota) Police Department received a phone call from Respondent who told officers that her vehicle had been carjacked earlier in the day. According to Respondent, she was a passenger in her vehicle driven by a male companion. At approximately 5 a.m., they were driving home from downtown Minneapolis. While waiting at a stoplight, a black male approached their vehicle and asked for spare change. The male then pointed a revolver at them and carjacked their vehicle. Respondent and her companion were forced to walk to Respondent's residence. The police officer directed Respondent to come to the police station to sign a theft report. After speaking to Respondent alone at the police station, Respondent admitted to the police investigator that she had fabricated the report of a carjacking. Respondent stated that she left her car on the railroad tracks at around 3:30 a.m.; she was scared because she had been drinking, she already had a DWI, and she was driving on a revoked driver's license.

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION (Act Involving Dishonesty) Respondent's application is subject to denial under section 480, subdivision (a)(2) 15. of the Code in that on or about October 8, 2007, Respondent committed a dishonest act when she made a false report to law enforcement officials that her vehicle had been carjacked at gunpoint, as detailed in paragraph 14, above. FOURTH CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION (Acts, if Done by a Licentiate, Would be Grounds for License Suspension or Revocation) Respondent's application is subject to denial under sections 480, subdivision (a)(3)(A) 16. of the Code in that she committed acts, that if done by a licensed vocational nurse, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of the license. The circumstances are as follows: On or about August 28, 2009, as detailed in paragraphs 13 and 14, above. Respondent was convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, which are grounds for discipline under section 2878, 14 subdivision (f) of the Code. b. On or about July 8, 2007, Respondent used alcoholic beverages to an extent or in a manner that was potentially dangerous or injurious to herself and the public when she operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated, which are grounds for discipline under section 2878.5, subdivision (b) of the Code. On or about August 28, 2009, as detailed in paragraph 13, above, Respondent was convicted of an alcohol-related offense which is grounds for discipline under section 2878.5, subdivision (c). 111 111 111

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## **PRAYER** WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged. and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision: 1. Denying the application of Samira Amale El-Bekraoui for a Vocational Nurse License; Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 2. TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.M., R.N. Executive Officer Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant SD2011801373